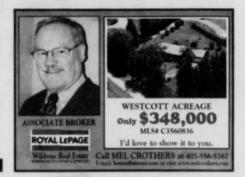
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# DIDSBURY VIEW



# Destructive blaze south of town

BY KEVIN VINK AND JARED SIEMENS MVP Staff

Two RVs were destroyed following several grass fires along the train tracks between Didsbury and

Carstairs on May 7, according to officials.

Didsbury fire chief Pat Dodman said his crew arrived on the scene at about 5:15 p.m. and was there until about 8 p.m., adding that firefighters from Olds, Carstairs, Cremona and Crossfield also attended the

We don't know how it started," said Dodman.

"Right now, it's under investigation, but we think it started by the train going through."

He suspects this, he said, because all the fires found at that location were by the railroad tracks, all between Tanglewood and just north of Carstairs.

One property owner lost an RV, though fire crews were able to save everything else.

"It was a very large grass fire," he said. "It burned a lot of stubble, burned fence posts, it got into a couple shelter-belted trees, and there were quite a few farmyards that were threatened, so we got that all under control."

When his crews arrived on scene, they saw a large amount of fire in surrounding fields encroaching on farmyards, and Dodman was doing reconnaissance by trying to get ahead of the fire and track its path,

CP Rail spokesperson Kevin Hrysak was unable to comment on the cause of the fire, though he confirmed it was adjacent to the railroad tracks.

He also could not comment on who reported the

fire, whether it be passersby or the train operator.
"We did immediately, upon report of the fire, alert crews and dispatched emergency responders in that regard and halted train traffic in the area," said

Upon being notified, operators halted all train traffic to allow firefighters and first responders to safely work in the area, he said.

He also noted CP employees are vigilant in reporting unsafe conditions or potential fire hazards, and the company itself has taken many steps in recent

years to prevent potential problems.

"CP does take steps to minimize any potential for grass fires through regular inspections of our lo motives to ensure they're up to compliance and that regulatory safety standards are met," he said

"Our locomotives are also equipped with spark arrestors - those are inserts that go into the exhaust to prevent any sparks from coming out - and we also use a high-grade composite brake shoe, which greatly minimizes any sparks from the rail equipment in that regard."

Carstairs Fire Chief Darryl Nielsen said "It was a hairy one.

"With the wind as high as it was, and the five separate fires all along the tracks, it required a lot of resources to get them under control," he said.

Approximately 75 respondents were on scene, including members of fire crews from the previously mentioned towns, and representatives of Mountain View County, Alberta Health, and RCMP,

One of the fires came within 30 feet of a residence he noted, but crews were able to stop it before it got





ers work to extinguish a pair of motorhomes that caught on fire during a grass fire between Didsbury and Carstairs

"This resident lost a travel trailer and a motorhome," Nielsen said.

A second fire came within 100 feet of a separate

"So far this spring is quite a bit drier than last year. In the last couple years, this is the biggest fire had. It was probably in the neighbourhood of 100 to 120 acres in total burn area for the five fires," he said.

"The one main fire was about 60-70 acres in size, he said.

How big the fire is usually depends on what caused it in the first place, said Nielsen.

ometimes we'll have a farmer that's burning their field, and it might get away on them. It depends how big they set the fire," he said.

"Typically, if it's an accidental start, it all depends the wind conditions and how soon we get a call." on the wind conditions and how

Battling a fire of this magnitude requires resourcs, effort, and physical and mental contributions, Nielsen said.

"These big ones are extremely taxing on our fire-fighters," said Nielsen.
"It was about an hour and a half before we had it

under control, but we were on scene for about five hours before we could clear it and were confident we had everything out."

Firefighters often have to leave family functions or work to attend a fire, he said.

"I myself had kids in baseball and soccer and had to find someone to take care of my kids so I could

When we have these fire bans in place, I just want to impress to everybody that they're in place for a reason, because the conditions are not safe to be burning outside."



# Lock up your cars, police warn residents

BY KEVIN VINK AND JARED SIEMENS MVP Staff

Despite warnings over the past couple of weeks Didsbury RCMP are still receiving reports of unlocked cars being rummaged through in both Didsbury and Carstairs.

Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said the thieves are thriving on opportunity, meaning that they are going for the easy targets – unlocked cars.

The warning follows an incident on Southridge Place

and Southridge Drive, in which numerous vehicles were rummaged through and personal items including wallets, personal IDs and other items were stolen, he

On Thursday morning, police recovered three wallets and a purse, and some owners tracked down their own wallet, a bag and two bikes, which had been stolen out of a backyard in West Point

'It appears that the majority of the vehicles that

have been rummaged through were not locked," said

Vehicles have become easy targets for thieves due to itizens not locking them and leaving their valuables in plain sight, he said.

"Thieves are capable of easily locating wallets and other items of value."

In general, the detachment has had far fewer instances of locked vehicles being broken into than unlocked

nes, said Jacobson.
With summer heat drawing people out of their homes and into the streets, some of those people will be will-ing to take advantage of crimes of opportunity, he noted.

"Let's not give them that opportunity by locking our doors and by removing items of value," he said. "We spent the entire morning (Thursday, May 9) walk-

ing the streets looking for missing property, because we know that only a small portion of what is actually stolen ever gets reported to us.

cards for the victims, it saves the victims from the lengthy and often costly process of obtaining new ID and secure payment cards, he said.

Traditionally, the discarded personal items thieves determine to be valueless are found a short distance

from the site of the theft, said Cpl. Clint Gulash.

Police encourage citizens to look for their items when something like this happens, but also to contact police prior to touching the items so they can check the items for evidence.

Jacobson encourages those who want to take an active part in protecting their community to join their local Citizens on Patrol, who are often looking to recruit new members.

"They can be the eyes and the ears for the police – we certainly can't be everywhere at once. We appreciate the help from citizens, and in particular, Citizens on Patrol, helping catch people doing these kinds of things and deter those who would do them," Jacobson said.

#### West Didsbury 4-H Club Report

This year 4-H members across Canada are celebrating 100 years of 4-H.

West Didsbury 4-H Club has been operating for 70 years!!

The past few months have been very busy for our 4-H members. On February 8th we had our public speaking event, and all the members did a great job with their speeches and presentations. Congratulations to Sage Hughes for placing third with

her presentation at the Regional Public Speaking event which was held in Strathmore in March.

In February the members helped celebrate the birthdays of the residents at the Didsbury long-term care unit. We all had cake and everyone had a good time. We have all been working hard to halter break our steers and heifers. May 4th we had our mock show and club heifer show. We got to see everyone's projects and they all looked good.

Now everyone is preparing for the upcoming Regional Female show on May 18th and our steer show and sale on May 21st in Carstairs.

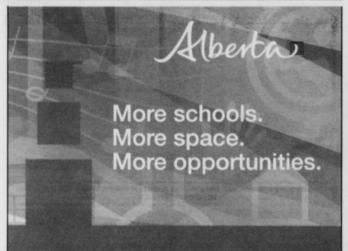
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(Top)From left, Didsbury High School Grade 12 students Andreas Aebersold and Mark Wasko clean a headstone at the Didsbury Cemetary as part of the May Monarch fundr ing efforts on May 8. (Bottom) From left, Didsbury High School students Chelsea Budd, Lorain Buck and Miranda Brazzale clean another headstone the same afternoon.





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# Officials set Spring Clean-Up Week

#### Special waste disposal deals available to encourage spring cleaning

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

The week after the May long week end has traditionally been designated as Spring Clean-Up Week by town council, and once again residents can pick up tickets for appliance pickup, senior's garbage pickup and discount dumping at the landfill, according to officials

During the week of May 20-24, town officials and Public Works staff will

be pitching in to help clean up the town, by both walking around picking up garbage and by Public Works putting in some extra effort with waste disposal.

Public Works manager Mike Phillips said there will be tickets available for purchase at the Public Works office located at 2602 19 St.

Appliances can be brought near the front of residences to allow Public Works staff to pick them up easily, as long as they have been tagged with a

ticket that costs \$15, he said.

'It's got to be somewhere accessible in the front where we can get to it, and with the ticket on it," Phillips explained.

Seniors who are 65 and over can also bring out large loads to their regular garbage pickup location if they are tagged with a \$10 ticket, he added.

"If you are 65 or older and need a hand getting stuff to the dump, you

come down here and get a "It encourages people to get out - once again that first shot out of the way where your usual garbage pickup is - and the town crew will come by and pick it up, he said.

There is a difference between the senior's waste ticket and the appliance ticket, he said, noting that seniors still have to get an appliance ticket for appliances

On top of that, officials have arranged a deal with the Mountain View Regional Waste landfill north of

a \$10 ticket from the town, load up a half-ton truck worth of junk, and drop it off at the landfill in exchange for the

ticket, he said.

and get everything cleaned

up for the spring."

"We started this a few years ago; it's like a spring cleanup," Phillips explained.

'It encourages people to get that first shot out of the way and get everything cleaned up for the spring. Quite often, it gives them a break on the price of taking it to the landfill, and it helps the seniors and helps get rid of some of the appliances that have built up over the

winter

Besides Public Works pitching in, other town competing in a garbage pickup contest to se which department can gather most, by

the mos weight, says Mayor Brian Wittal.

MIKE PHILLIPS

Public Works manager

"It's somewhat of a competition between departments to see who can pick up and collect the most garbage, said Wittal.

Though it is a team building exercise for town staff, oftentimes they are able to inspire residents to come along and help out, he added.

So it's trying to build some community and some pride in our community and get people to help us out with this



Mackenzie Judd of Olds plays the keyboard while Taylor Judd, also from Olds, plays the bongo drum during Open Mic Night at Mugs Coffee House on Friday, May 3. Mugs holds the event on the first Friday of each month and welcomes anybody who would like to come



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### **Editorial**

# Education investment always worthwhile

Keeping more students in school and giving them good opportunities to pursue career goals will benefit all Albertans over the long term by creating a vibrant and well-educated workforce.

While investments in infrastructure such as hospitals and roadways are also important, there is no better way to spend public money than on education.

As such the Redford government's announcement last week that it will spend \$11 million over the next three years on the new provincial dual credit strategy is welcome news for all Alberta communities.

Under the strategy, students will be given a chance to access high school credits and post-secondary credits at the same time, giving the participants a good and worthwhile boost along their chosen career paths.

"We want more students to have the option to pursue their passions and future career goals," said Premier

their passions and future career goals," said Premier Alison Redford. "The dual credit strategy gives students a leg up as they prepare to jump into the workforce and help us keep growing the economy.

DAN SINGLETON

"The initiative will serve as a catalyst for schools, publicly funded post-secondary institutions, and businesses to grow and expand dual credit opportunities across the province."

The \$11-million funding will "support schools, post-secondary institutions and businesses as they partner to deliver opportunities for students to earn both high school and post-secondary credits for the same course," she says.

The credits, which can lead to workplace certifi-

The credits, which can lead to workplace certification or advanced standing in post-secondary programs, are offered in a wide range of areas, including in the construction and health-care fields.

Minister of Human Services Dave Hancock says the new program will "engage students in their learning through pathways that open their possible futures; motivate students to finish high school; inspire students to learn, work and live in the local community; and give students the confidence to transition from high school to post-secondary and/or the workplace."

If this new \$11-million investment by Alberta taxpayers proves successful in achieving the goals outlined by the premier and Minister Hancock, it will be great news for Alberta for years to come.

Of course, this one program is only part of the process of creating a healthy and vibrant long-term workforce in Alberta.

As Premier Redford hopefully knows full well, Alberta students also need modern and well-maintained schools, and teachers and staff who are fairly treated and compensated.

On the other hand, does anyone believe it is a good idea to see education turned into a political pawn where the government and opposition parties strive to score points as parents and students watch on from the sidelines, as Albertans have been seeing in recent weeks?





## Commentary

# Put Crown companies on tighter leash

Tempers flared recently in Ottawa when the Harper government tabled new legislation that will give it tighter control over negotiations with unions at Crown corporations, such as Canada Post, Via Rail and the CBC.

The big-spending bureaucrats have begun to grow accustomed to so-called 'interference' from the elected prime minister and his caucus. But the high-priced executives who manage government-owned companies have enjoyed, until now, special status: they are paid like business people, with none of the risk. They can provide unpopular products, deliver mediocre customer service, and lose dollars by the billions. But the taxpayer is always there, at the end of the day, to stroke another cheque, cover the losses, and make everything better.

The same is true of unionized employees at government-owned companies. They enjoy higher hourly pay than the rest of us. They get sick more often – or at least they take more paid sick days. They retire earlier on average than the rest of us do. The overwhelming majority of them enjoy guaranteed monthly pension benefits, indexed to rise with the cost of living, with additional benefits for their surviving spouse when they pass away. Working for government or a government-owned company is a privileged status that extends into the afterlife.

So Ottawa's officialdom considered it rude for Harper and his ministers to use budget legislation to elbow their way into contract negotiations between unions and 47 government-owned companies.

Simply put, provisions in Bill C-60, the new budget legislation, grant Harper and his cabinet the power to tell negotiators at these companies how much they can offer unions in wages, benefits and working conditions. The new law even goes so far as to provide a seat at the bargaining table to officials of the Treasury Board, the government department responsible for controlling spending.

These signs - that the Harper government is sprouting a spine ahead of next year's big round of contract negotiations - are meeting stiff resistance.

ing stiff resistance.

The Globe and Mail reported that "union leaders, academics, and opposition parties reacted strongly" to the budget legislation (after all, who else's opinion matters?). The report quoted George Smith, a unionized university professor who previously worked at the CBC, who called it "reprehensible."

"There's been no discussion or debate about this and there's no sense that this is what the Canadian public wants," huffed professor Smith.

Presumably, Canadians want to pay progressively higher taxes to subsidize money-losing government-owned companies that pay their employees to work fewer days than employees in similar companies not owned by the government.

While the rest of us were

attempting to dodge becoming one of the 417,000 private-sector job losses during the 2008-2009 financial meltdown, the federal government was actually adding to its payroll and boosting wages and benefits at the same time. Payroll costs grew at a compounded annual rate of 7.1 per cent between 2006 and 2011, from \$29 billion to \$42.3 billion.

According to the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO), the average cost of a federal government employee jumped from \$86,000 when the Harper government took office in 2006 to \$111,379 in 2011

The PBO projects the government's payroll expenses to jump \$3 billion over the next two years to a staggering average of \$129,800 per employee.

per employee.

Highly skilled union negotiators have been playing the federal government like a sucker at a high-stakes poker game, using rich contract settlements at government-owned companies as examples for the next round of demands from the government itself. While government has continued to cave to their demands, it is taxpayers who have been dealt a losing hand.

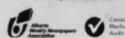
It is no wonder the unions prefer the old way of doing business. Harper's surgical initiative – to insert some spine into government negotiating teams – should improve the odds for taxpayers.

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#### Street sweeping

Public works staff have been doing basic street sweeping recently, and Mike Phillips, manager of public works, said that the sweeping is not meant to be thorough. and that signs have not been placed because of

"It's just a general spring cleanup," said Phillips. "We just try to get out all the material that we laid down for the winter, the leaves and fall debris."

Once staff are ready to do a complete street sweep, they will be posting notices along the streets so residents have enough notice to move their vehicles, he added.

#### Community pride party

The third annual Didsbury Didsbury Community Pride Block Party is scheduled for Friday, June 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., according to officials.

The party will take

place on 20 Street between 18 Avenue and 20 Avenue, and there will be a street dance, climbing wall, games and contests, concession, an inflatable obstacle course and face painting.

Councillors have also volunteered to serve ice cream there, says Mayor Brian Wittal, who explained why the town hosts the event.

"I think it's just all part of what Didsbury is about - just trying to grow community," he said.
"And I think it's impor-

tant that we hold these kind of events to invite our residents out to come have some fun, meet some new people, and maybe make some new friends."

The event gives residents a chance to get out and have some fun with the family and visit with

"That's a big part of the attraction of small towns, having those kinds of events," he added.

"I see a lot of seniors and parents come down just enjoy watching the kids having fun.

### Council briefs

It gives everybody an opportunity to get out for the evening.

#### Advance, institutional. incapacitated elector polls

Town council recently set the dates for both advance polls and incapacitated elector polls for the municipal election, which is scheduled to take place this October.

The advance polls will be held on Friday, Oct. 2013 from noon to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., according to officials.

Wittal explained that the Election Bylaw had to be changed to accommodate these dates, and council did so at the last council meeting on April 23.

"Every election, prior

to the election, we have to specify that these are going to take place," he noted, meaning council had to vote the specific dates into the Election

Deputy CAO Luana Smith said council is not obligated to hold an inca-pacitated elector at home vote, but since the town is also holding an insti-tutional vote at both the hospital and Aspen Ridge Lodge, council felt it right to help enable everybody to vote if they so choose.

"Why would we not want to get as many people to vote as possible?" said Smith.

Whoever would like to participate in an incapacitated elector poll can call the town office at 403-335-3301 to arrange for returning officers to come by before the election so they can cast their she added, noting vote. that this will take place

on the day of the advance polls.
"It's just to encourage

people to make it as easy as possible for those who are either in facilities that can't travel, or others at home to have that abil-ity and that right," said Wittal.

According to the Election Bylaw, "The criteria for an incapacitated elector is defined as: an elector who is unable to attend a voting sta-tion on election day or an advance poll because of physical incapacity.

The deadline to book an appointment for the incapacitated elector poll is Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 4:30 p.m., and the institutional poll will be held on Monday, Oct. 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Hospital and Aspen Ridge Lodge.

#### Scholarship fund changes

Every year, the Town of Didsbury provides two scholarships of \$500 to local students, and now students who reside in town but do not attend

Didsbury High School (DHS) will be eligible to apply

acknowledging that there are students who live in town and attend schools other than DHS - such as Olds Koinonia Christian School (OKCS) - town administration decided to change the requirements at the council meeting on

April 23. Wittal explained that the scholarships, until now, had only been awarded to students attending Didsbury High School.

"The way it had been structured was it was given to the school and they were doing it through a scholarship there," said Wittal. "But then of course, only stu-dents attending the local high school were eligible for it.

As some students attend the outreach school in town or OKCS, council felt that if the students are residents of Didsbury, they should be able to apply for the scholarship as well, he noted.

# TOWN OF DIDSBURY



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#### PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 pm. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: May 14 meeting has been CANCELLED. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, June 12 at 4:30 p.m. REGULAR LIFELINE SOCIETY MEETING: Monday, June 10 at 10:00 am Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBURY AMENDMENTS TO LAND USE BY-LAW 2011-03

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of By-law 2013-03 to amend the present Land Use Bylaw 2011-03.

The purpose of the amendment is to bring the Land Use Bylaw in agreement with the Municipal Development Plan adopted in 2012. The amendment is also intended to make the document easier to read with clear references and the use of plain language.

A public hearing will be held May 28, 2013, prior to the Council Meeting, commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue. Second and third reading of the proposed By-law will be considered at the Council Meeting on the same day.

The hearing on May 28, 2013 will be conducted under the chairmanship of the Mayor, or his designate, for the purpose of hearing opinions, comments or objections to the proposed By-law.

The style of the hearing will be informal and persons wishing to speak will be requested to state their name and address for the record upon being recognized by the Chairman. Opportunities to speak will not be restricted, but recognition to speak will be at the discretion of the Chairman. Written responses will also be accepted up until 12:00 noon May 28, 2013.

A copy of the proposed Land Use Bylaw is available on the Town website at www.didsbury.ca - TOWN PLANNING or at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2038-19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

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Volunteer Didsbury is currently seeking applicants for the following volunteer opportunities:

- Friends of the Library Members and Secretary
- Community Services Board (2) Members at Large One Student
- **Didsbury Library Seeking One Board Member**

For more details and how to apply, please go to: www.didsbury.ca/town/volunteerdidsbury

#### NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

- DP 13-26 2014 - 18 Avenue Change of Occupancy -Second Hand Store C1
  - DP 13-27 113 Morris Place Deck - Existing R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403.335.3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on May 28, 2013.

Dani Woodman - Development Officer

# Successful Show 'n' Shine last weekend

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

The 21st annual Didsbury Show 'n' Shine was a huge success, with a record number of owners rolling into town with their classic and high-perfor-

Gil Enns, vice-president of the Show 'n' Shine committee, said organizers were very pleased with the turnout, especially after having such little notice to put on the show.

"For the way it happened and how it happened, it didn't get it advertized much, so kudos to all the people that came in and the (board) members that joined up," said Enns.

The weather couldn't have been better, he noted, adding that there were about 352 registered cars.

awards system was a little different this year - traditionally, awards were given out based on car classes - as awards were sponsored and awarded by area businesses.

What we did is went to merchants in the area and we sold them what we called a major sponsor, and what it was is they had to do a minimum \$125

sponsorship, and what that got them was a chance to judge a car they liked."

The trophies had both the business's logos as well as the Show 'n' Shine logo, and he said this method got merchants more involved than in previous years.

"Last year we did 33 and this year it was 59," he

Kinband, a relatively new band, also came to play some classic rock by the beer gardens, and this was the first outdoor concert they have performed as a group, he said.

There had been plans to have a burnout box, but due to insurance issues, Enns wasn't sure if it would happen, but on Friday, he got a call from another board member stating that the burnout box would indeed be a part of the show.

After having board membership issues a couple of months ago, he said about two dozen people signed on to pitch in, and without them, the show would not have gone ahead.

Because they have so many board members at this time, he said they are going to start planning for next

we're going to start planting for next year's show early and bring in some new features. "Next year we're going to expand on it and bring in a class for motorbikes," he said. "We're going to try to go to the committee this year

with some feedback we got from people and extend (the show) to 5 p.m. and then after the awards, light up the burnout box."

This is a tradition he would like to see continue in Didsbury, and he is excited to see that interest for an event like this continues to grow.
"There was some pretty nice iron out there

of them 50 or 60 years old; it's such a nice thing to he said.

"It's nice to see there's still the interest and enough cars to provide that interest, and some of these cars should be in the boneyard, but they're still going. This year was great and next year's going to be even better."

Take a look in next week's edition of the Review for more final numbers and award winners, as most were not available at the time of press.



(Left to right) Neil and Sheila Walker, Sharon Vink and Leisha Odnokon check out a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Aire.



Bert Simpkin of Airdrie looks over the engine of a 1955 Chevrolet on 20 Street.





Cobban and Thomas Legg check out the interior of a 1951 Blak Ford Kustom.



(Top) Bill Richardson burns out a 48th Anniversary Edition 1993 Corvette Stingray, as firefighter Braydon Snyder and crew member Kurtis Person stand by. (Bottom) Kinband came to play at the Show 'n' Shine, cranking out the classic rock to match the classic cars parked along





# POLICE APPRECIATION **WEEK 2013**

# Mayor praises RCMP, town bylaw officers

The Didsbury RCMP have played an inte-gral role in keeping the communities in the detachment's jurisdic-tion safe, and as Mayor Brian Wittal explains

they work closely with each municipal council to ensure they are serv-ing the community in the most effective ways pos-

"It's always been a

very good working relationship between town council, the town, and the local RCMP detachment," said Wittal.
"Sgt. (Jeff) Jacobson

has always been very

willing to come to objectives, do quarterly reviews with the Mayor's Update, and report to council as to where they're at."

Because of that close communication, council has always been able to keep on top of statistics and give its input on pri-orities that it would like the police to focus on, he added.

"As far as I'm con-cerned, they've been doing an excellent job in the community with our focuses, which have (mainly) been on trying to prevent crime and drugs," he said. Wittal mentioned some

of the drug busts that have taken place over the last year or two, and gave credit to the hard work of the RCMP.

The RCMP have also taken a proactive role in being visible within the community, from bar walks and evening persons checks to simply interacting with youth, he said.

"They've always been very good that way, as as what I've seen, talking with residents and business people communicating with everybody in that regard."

He said it's also benefi-

cial that the area RCMP detachment is located in

"And it's great when have members like we do who really care about the community and are trying to make it the safest place that they can."

Because efforts between RCMP and local peace officers, Didsbury is a safer place for both students and residents in general, he added.

"Whether it be patrol-ling and policing through the school zones in the mornings and after-noons...patrolling the business and downtown areas, and other recreation park areas.

"It just helps to com-plement one another, so at all times hopefully we have someone there, whether it be a peace officer or RCMP officer that's keeping an eve on





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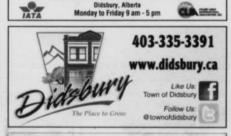
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May 15 and May 22

Rotary club of Didsbury and Carstairs meets every Wednesday from 5-6 pm at the Country Nook Restaurant 1414 20 Avenue (in front of the Didsbury Motel). Appetizers will be served – supper may be purchased to follow. Newcomers are welcome. Call Ernie Ryckman at 402 335-4739 for more info.

An invitation to all seniors to come to an information An invitation to an seniors to come to an international session about prescription and over the counter drugs awareness. Enjoy the Friends and Fun Program at the Eldon Foote Hall (train station). If a ride is required,

Movies at the Library. At 2:00 pm: "Wreck-It Ralph". At 7:00 pm: "Beasts of the Southern Wild" Admission is by donation. Bring your own snacks!

May 23

An invitation to all seniors to come and enjoy Bingo at the Friends and Fun Program at the Eldon Foote Hall (train station). If a ride is required, please call 403-335-4391

Word in the West Literacy Fest Friday from 4 to 8 pm at the Mtn. View County Building. Food, door prizes, puppets, printing, crafts and other fun activities for all ages. Special guest: author Lori Callaghan. Presented by the Libraries in Carstairs, Didsbury, Olds, Sundre and the Mtn. View Communities Adults Learning Society. All Free! All Fun! All Ages!

Friends of Aspen Strawberry Tea & Bake Sale. Friday, May 24th at 2 pm at the Aspen Ridge Lodge. \$3

Didsbury Scouts and Didsbury High School Band Bottle Drive Saturday, May 25. Please leave bottles on front steps. Thanks for your support!

An evening of Spiritual and Inspiration Music hosted by the Mountain View Choraliers – sing-a-long – lyrics provided.. Sunday, May 26 at 7:00 pm at the Didsbury 5-0 Center. \$5 admission include beverages and tasty

Stage West production of Chicago. Cost is \$57 – includes, bus, dinner and show) Only 40 seats available, so reserve and pay before May 15. Call Evelyn with the Didsbury & District Community Bus at 403 335-4899. Bus leaves complex at 9:30 am.

The Library is celebrating Seniors Week early – join us for an open house and hands-on demonstrations of eReaders, computers and more!

Didsbury & District Community Bus trip to the Asparagus Festival for family fun. Call Evelyn Mercer at 403 335-4899 to reserve.

Come Jam at Melvin Hall from 7 to 9 pm. Dancers welcome!

June 6

Join the Seniors Supports Services for a Celebration niors Heritage Festival at the Complex at 1:30

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## **Didsbury woman dies** in motorcycle crash

DARLENE CASTEN Okotoks Western Wheel

What used to be a dangerous intersection on Okotoks' south end has again proven to be fatal this time to a Didsbury woman.

Sunday around dinnertime, two motor-cyclists travelling west on Highway 7 struck a car turning in front of them at the intersection of Secondary Highway 783. The female motor-cyclist was declared dead at the scene and a male on another motortaken Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary in critical, but stable condition. Staff Sgt. Jim Ross of

the Okotoks RCMP said the motorcyclists were both from Didsbury and were related through marriage. He said family members have been notified, but the name of the deceased woman has not yet been released.

The female driver of the vehicle turning onto Secondary Highway 783, commonly known as Road, was uninjured, but upset, said

"The driver was extremely shaken," he said.

Traffic lights were put in at the intersection more than five years ago after a number of seri-ous crashes at the interction over the years

Okotoks mayor Bill Robertson said council lobbied the provincial government for the traffic lights because of the dangerous conditions.

"It was very unsafe," Robertson said of the

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intersection prior to lights being installed. lights being There were all kinds of near misses.

Since the lights have been installed, he said the intersection has been much safer. He said he has heard no complaints from resi-dents over that intersection in the years since the traffic lights were erected.

He said he hopes this crash will trigger an crash investigation to ensure the intersection is safe.

"Since it is a provincial highway, the province should do an investigation," he said. "If there is anything unsafe they will be looking at that."

On Sunday, traffic had to be rerouted for sev eral hours while police spoke with witness and a traffic analyst examined the scene.

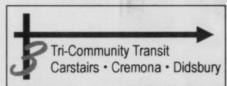
In a press release offi-cers thanked the public for their assistance at the scene

"Okotoks RCMP would like to thank all the witnesses and bystanders that assisted with such a horrific col-lision," the press release

Along with RCMP, EMS, highway patrol officers and firefighters responded to the scene. services also assisted at the scene.

investigation is ongoing and police are still determining if charges will be laid.

Ross said alcohol and speed were likely not factors in the collision.



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# Police briefs

#### Hit and run

A black 2008 Dodge Avenger was struck by an unknown vehicle between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. while parked at the courthouse on May 6, according to

"When the owner came out, there vas damage to the back passenger door and panel. Nobody left any notes or otherwise notified them they had struck the vehicle," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

He is not sure if the culprit was aware of the incident at the time, and is asking anybody who may have witnessed or been involved with the collision to report to police and fill out the appropriate reports.

#### Truck vandalized

A 2003 Chevrolet Venture that

was parked at a residence on the 1800 block of 14 Street was vandalized while its owners were away between April 15 and May 1, said Jacobson.

Both headlights were damaged and the hood had been keyed, he noted.

"We are continuing to investigate but are seeking any witnesses to come forward," he said.

#### Truck theft

A 1998 Dodge Ram 1500 was stolen from a residence on the 2000 block of 17 Avenue overnight between May 8 and 9, said Jacobson.

The plate number is SAF-524, he

He is asking that if anybody sees this vehicle driving around or parked anywhere to call the Didsbury RCMP or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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# Marketplace

Elaine Louise Dick



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Elaine, who cherished her family, passed away at home with her husband,

family, passed away at home with her husband, daughter, and grandson, at the age of 78 years old, following a difficult battle with cancer and will be sadly missed. Elaine had 12 brothers and sisters, and was the second oldest daughter of the late Albert Dean and Nellie (Catchpole) of Plum Hollow, Ontario. When Elaine was in her early 30s, she left Ontario and travelled to Didsbury, Alberta to marry Calvin Jack Dick. For 40 years, she worked a variety of jobs alongside her husband on a small mixed beef farm. Elaine had fond memories of being a caregiver in the Didsbury Region and described it as a job that gave her much joy. Prior to her move west, she spoke often of her time spent as a "mender" at the Glenayr Knitting Mill in Lanark, Ontario where she worked after her mother's death when she returned home, from Toronto, to help her father care for her younger siblings. when she returned home, from Toronto, to help her father care for her younger siblings. In 2007, Elaine and Calvin moved back to Lanark, Ontario where she spent the last few years of her life surrounded by her siblings, numerous nieces, and nephews. She will be greatly missed by her immediate family. Elaine loved to dance, enjoyed music and concerts, playing cards, was a gifted knitter and canner, and took every opportunity to travel to various places. She enjoyed spending time with her family, friends and was a dedicated grandmother. Elaine is survived by her husband Calvin, daughter Talva, and grandson Ethan. She is pre-deceased by her her husband Calvin, daughter Talva, and grandson Ethan. She is pre-deceased by her parents and siblings; Gerald, Joy, George, and Sharon. She is survived by her siblings Charles, Gary, Ross, David, Albert, Richard, Randy, and Debra. Elaine's family would like to sincerely thank the compassionate staff from the Cancer Clinic at the Kingston General Hospital, the Palliative Care team from Saint Elizabeth's Health Care, the Champlain Community Care Access Centre (CCAC), Red Cross Care Partners, Bayshore Home Health, and Dr. Azarat. We could not have been able to provide the care Elaine needed without you. A memorial service will needed without you. A memorial service will be held in the on Sunday May 19th at 2:00 pm, 2013 at the Blair and Son Funeral Chapel, Perth. Friends and family in Alberta who will be unable to attend the service in Ontario will have an opportunity to pay their respect during a memorial barbeque in the summer of 2013 in Didsbury, Alberta. The date of the service will be announced in the Didsbury Review at a later date. Donations can be made to the Palliative Care Division of either Saint Elizabeth's or to the CCAC home health

335-3301 or Fax: 335-8143 Charles Orville Snyder When thoughts go back As they often do. We treasure the memories We have of you. This day is remembered, And quietly kept, No words are needed, We shall never forget.

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ent of the ir daughter Rebekah Diane to Bowen James,

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